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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 46/60 of 9 December 1991.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. In connection with the item, the Sixth Committee had before it the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, 1/ which was introduced by the outgoing Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country at the 33rd meeting, on 12 November 1992.

4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 33rd and 35th meetings, on 12 and 16 November 1992. The summary records of those meetings are contained in documents A/C.6/47/SR.33 and 35.

1/ A/47/26; to be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/47/26).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.6/47/L.13

5. At the 35th meeting, on 16 November, the outgoing Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/47/L.13), sponsored by Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Russian Federation and Spain, later joined by Belarus.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/47/L.13 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, 2/

Recalling Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations 3/ and the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations 4/ and the responsibilities of the host country,

Recognizing that effective measures should continue to be taken by the competent authorities of the host country, in particular to prevent any acts violating the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

Noting the spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding which has guided the deliberations of the Committee on issues affecting the United Nations community and the host country,

Welcoming the increased interest shown by Member States in participating in the work of the Committee,

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2/ Ibid.

3/ Resolution 22 A (I).

4/ See resolution 169 (II).

1. Endorses the recommendations and conclusions of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 55 of its report; 2/

2. Considers that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the normal work of the delegations and the missions accredited to the United Nations is in the interests of the United Nations and all Member States, and expresses the hope that the host country will continue to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of missions;

3. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts made by the host country and hopes that outstanding problems raised at the meetings of the Committee will be duly resolved in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;

4. Welcomes the recent lifting of travel controls by the host country with regard to certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities, and urges the host country to continue to abide by its obligations to the United Nations and the missions accredited to it;

5. Takes note of the establishment by the Committee of the Working Group concerning problems of financial indebtedness and stresses the importance of efforts undertaken in this regard;

6. Stresses the importance of a positive perception of the work of the United Nations, and urges that efforts be continued to build up public awareness by explaining, through all available means, the importance of the role played by the United Nations and the missions accredited to it in the strengthening of international peace and security;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to remain actively engaged in all aspects of the relations of the United Nations with the host country;

8. Requests the Committee to continue its work, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".